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PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

Claim 16 (proposed amendment for discussion purposes only): A dialysis catheter comprising:

a connection section having an inflow port to a patient inflow lumen, and an outflow port to a patient outflow lumen, the lumens separated by an internal septum;

a patient inflow section extending from the connection section and having a patient inflow opening to in fluid communication with the patient inflow lumen;

a separation section extending from the patient inflow section, which is substantially straight when in an unstressed condition; and

a patient outflow section extending from the separation section, having a patient outflow opening to in fluid communication with the patient outflow lumen, and wherein when the catheter is in a substantially unstressed condition, (i) the connection section is substantially straight and (ii) the patient inflow section is curved.